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STRIKES IN DELHI UNIVERSITY
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether frequent strikes in Delhi University have been affecting the educational activities of the University;

(b) if so, the number of strikes took place during the last three years alongwith the duration of strike, year-wise;

(c) the reasons for these strikes; and

(d) the effective steps taken by the Government to avoid strikes in Delhi and other Central Universities?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (d) : According to the information furnished by the University of Delhi, the employees of the University generally go onstrike in the beginning of the academic session, particularly at the time of admissions, and before commencement of examinations. The duration of such strikes vary from one week to two weeks and in extreme cases upto three weeks. Their demands also are different on various occasions. These include filling up of vacant posts, compassionate appointments over and above the prescribed quota, regularization of daily wages staff and upward revision of their pay scales etc. Such strikes definitely affect the normal functioning of the University and the University takes all necessary measures to tackle such situations. Efforts are made to resolve the issues raised by the agitating employees by negotiations and whenever their demands are found to be totally unjustified, strict action is taken against them.